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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 12:49 PM  
**To:** McClure, Kaitlyn (Hoeven)  
**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia

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Thanks so much, Kaitlyn. We'll see you tomorrow.

**From:** McClure, Kaitlyn (Hoeven) [mailto:Kaitlyn\_McClure@hoeven.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia

Hi Sean,

I apologize for the delay, this week is turning out to be very busy over here.

Tomorrow at 5pm would work out just fine. We are located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, G-11.

Thank you for your patience!

Kaitlyn

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**From:** Larson, Don (Hoeven) [mailto:Don\_Larson@hoeven.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:36 PM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia

Sean,

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Thanks,

Don Larson

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** Larson, Don (Hoeven)  
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Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:19 AM  
To: Valerie Levin  
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From: [jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)  
To: [elana\\_broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:elana_broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov)  
Subject: RE: Somalia Meeting  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:13:49 -0400

We will be there. Thanks again.

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From: [Elana Broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:Elana_Broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov)  
To: [jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:08:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Somalia Meeting

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From: JOHN ZAGAME [<mailto:jzagameny@msn.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 11:02 AM  
To: Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
Subject: RE: Somalia Meeting

We can come by tomorrow anywhere from 11AM to 1PM or 3PM to end of day, whichever slot would work best for you. We have a 2PM with Sen. Kerry's Foreign Relations Committee staff.  
Thanks.

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To: [jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 10:58:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Somalia Meeting

I would do my best - what day and time are you seeking?

From: JOHN ZAGAME [<mailto:jzagameny@msn.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 10:47 AM  
To: Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
Subject: FW: Somalia Meeting

Elana --



This is reference to your e-mail below to Joel Giambra. Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia. I am in DC this week with Somalia's US Envoy Abukar Arman and we would like to take a few minutes of your time to brief you on progress being made by the government of Somalia against the Al Shabab extremist organization and improvements the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) is making to restore order to that war torn nation.

The Somali Government is led by a former Buffalo NY resident, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, who is serving as Prime Minister of the TFG. He has brought back to Somalia with him a number of US Somali's who are literally rebuilding their nation.

I know time is precious this week on Capitol Hill, but if you can manage to meet with us it would be most appreciated.

Regards,

John Zagame

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> To: [jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)  
> Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 10:42:29 -0400  
> Subject: FW: Somalia >

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Joann Lettieri  
> Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 9:23 AM  
> To: [jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)  
> Cc: Joel Giambra  
> Subject: FW: Somalia Meeting

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> Good Morning John,  
> Below is an email from Elana Broitman from Senator Gillibrand's Office. You can email her directly to make arrangements to meet in Washington. Her email address is [Elana\\_Broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:Elana_Broitman@gillibrand.senate.gov).

> Thanks-Joann

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> It is easiest to schedule by email as I am rarely at my desk

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> From: Joel Giambra [<mailto:jgiambra@parkstrategies.com>]

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> Good Morning Elana,

> Sam Hoyt provided me with your email address to arrange a meeting with you and John Zagame, from our NY Park Strategies Office, to discuss Somalia. Can you give me your number so I can have John contact you directly to make the arrangements? Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

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Amber

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Cc: Sean King  
Sent: Wed Apr 06 08:37:19 2011  
Subject: Re: (Sen. Barrasso) Somalia

Amber - great - we'll be there.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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From: "Bland, Amber (Barrasso)" <[Amber.Bland@Barrasso.senate.gov](mailto:Amber.Bland@Barrasso.senate.gov)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 08:28:40 -0400  
To: 'jzagameny@msn.com' <[jzagameny@msn.com](mailto:jzagameny@msn.com)>  
Subject: Re: (Sen. Barrasso) Somalia

Hi Jeremy,  
Meeting at one is fine. I can probably do 15 minutes.  
-Amber

Amber S. Bland  
Legislative Assistant  
U.S. Senator John Barrasso  
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From: Larson, Don (Hoeven) [[mailto:Don\\_Larson@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Don_Larson@hoeven.senate.gov)]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:36 PM

To: Sean King

Subject: RE: Somalia

Sean,

Kaitlyn McClure will be reaching out to you to set up a meeting.

Thanks,

Don Larson

From: Sean King [<mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:04 PM

To: Larson, Don (Hoeven)

Cc: JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra

Subject: Somalia



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Dear Don,

Hi, how are you? Thanks again for your last time last month on Taiwan. Just so you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are also registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

As I'm sure you've heard and read, Somalia's Transitional Federal Government is leading a valiant effort to hold off a vicious insurgency from the al Qaeda-linked Harakat al-Shabaab. In fact, many of Somalia's leaders, including Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed himself (please see the Prime Minister's bio attached), are U.S. citizens who have gone home to wage this gallant struggle and are in turn risking their lives. What's more, abject famine also plagues Somalia.

Next Wednesday, April 6th, my colleague, John Zagame, and I will be in Washington, D.C. with Abukar Arman. Ambassador Arman is Somalia's Special Envoy to the United States. Before accepting his current position, he was an independent analyst and a community advocate. Over the years, he has written extensively about U.S. foreign policy vis-à-vis Somalia and the Islamic world, and lectured on violent extremism and the role of inter-faith relations in peace-building. Mr. Arman is listed on the Speakers Bureau of the speakers in Ohio Humanities Council.

Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6th to briefly introduce the appropriate staff member in your office to Ambassador Arman? I'm sure Senator Hoeven can benefit from what you and/or your colleague(s) might be able to tell him after a meeting with Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time your office can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

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**Cc:** JOHN ZAGAME  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 4:06 PM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Subject:** RE: Somalia

Sean – Thanks for your email. Yes, I took Dylan's place about a year and a half ago and look forward to working with you.

Unfortunately, as you know, the Senate schedule is very tight right now but please stay in touch with me on these issues. Thanks

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Subject: Thanks

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Dear Kaitlyn,

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**From:** LaShaun Lesley  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** Valerie Levin  
**Subject:** FW: meeting w/ Congressman Engel

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**From:** LaShaun Lesley  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** 'Estler, Heather'  
**Subject:** RE: meeting w/ Congressman Engel

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Hello Heather,

Okay, thank you for your efforts.

LaShaun

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**From:** Estler, Heather [<mailto:Heather.Estler@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 3:20 PM  
**To:** LaShaun Lesley  
**Subject:** meeting w/ Congressman Engel

I'm very sorry, Jason does not have time to meet with Prime Minister Mohamed A. Mohamed. Perhaps another time, thank you!

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Office of Congressman Eliot L. Engel (NY - 17)  
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**From:** LaShaun Lesley [<mailto:LLesley@parkstrategies.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 2:15 PM  
**To:** Estler, Heather  
**Subject:** Meeting with Prime Minister of Somalia Mohamed

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Good afternoon Heather,

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Ms. Heather, I would like to secure a brief 10 minute meeting for the Prime Minister of Somalia, Mohamed A. Mohamed. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the PM to Congressman Engel and/or legislative staffers, to give an update on the transitioning government and issues concerning the country such as terrorism and piracy. Two members of the Park Strategies team and the Prime Minister would like to meet with the Congressman between 12- 2pm and 4-6pm, today. Any availability that you have would be appreciated.

Best Regards,

LaShaun

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Subject: Purpose of Meeting

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Per your request, the purpose of the meeting is to introduce Congressman Payne to the Prime Minister of Somali and to give him an update on the transitional government and current issues concerning the country (terrorism, piracy etc.). As I mentioned in our conversation this morning, I believe that a Special Envoy may come in place of Prime Minister Mohammed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your help with this.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Re: Somalia

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Dear Nathaniel,

Thanks for your quick reply, and I'm always doing what I can to tout North Dakota (cold, or not!).

I'll ask that my colleague, John Zagame (whom I've copied here), send you any relevant Somalia materials that he thinks may be worth your while.

Please also let John know if you have any free slots on either Tuesday or Thursday, as he'll be in D.C. with Ambassador Arman on Tuesday-Wednesday. It's only I who's only there on Wednesday.

Thanks again, be well.

Best wishes,  
Sean King

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Sean,

Thanks for the message. I had to laugh when I read the last phrase in the article about Fargo that you sent warning about the cold winter temperatures!

I won't be able to meet on the 6th. However, if you want to send me any materials regarding Somalia or the TFG I would be happy to review them.

Hope all is well,



Nathaniel

From: Sean King [<mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:47 PM  
To: Lutovsky, Nathaniel (Conrad)  
Cc: JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
Subject: Somalia

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Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6th to briefly introduce you to Ambassador Arman? As a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I'm sure Senator Conrad can benefit from what you might be able to tell him after you meet Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time you can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Best wishes,



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**Valerie Levin**

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:46 PM  
**To:** 'don\_larson@hoeven.senate.gov'  
**Subject:** Re: Somalia

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Thanks so much, Don.

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From: Larson, Don (Hoeven) <[Don\\_Larson@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Don_Larson@hoeven.senate.gov)>  
To: Sean King  
Sent: Wed Mar 30 19:35:41 2011  
Subject: RE: Somalia

Sean,

Kaitlyn McClure will be reaching out to you to set up a meeting.

Thanks,

Don Larson

From: Sean King [<mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:04 PM  
To: Larson, Don (Hoeven)  
Cc: JOHN ZAGAME; Kraig Siracuse; Joel Giambra  
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**From:** Joel Giambra  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 3:35 PM  
**To:** Sam Hoyt (sam@samhoyt.com)  
**Subject:** Somalia

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Hi Sam,

I need your assistance in arranging for Somalia's Special Envoy to the United States, Abukar Arman, to meet with Senator Gillibrand, while he is in D.C. next week, April 5, 6 and 7th. We would like to see the Senator and her staff person on Foreign Relations if possible. Before Ambassador Arman became Special Envoy to the United States, he was an independent analyst and a community advocate. Over the years, he has written extensively about U.S. foreign policy vis-à-vis Somalia and the Islamic world, and lectured on violent extremism and the role of inter-faith relations in peace-building. Mr. Arman is listed on the Speakers Bureau of the speakers in Ohio Humanities Council.

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Thanks Joel.





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